

profit tax on these turkeys in a heart beat.

What is next, not enough Americans ride bikes? Beam me up, Mr. Speaker.

DEMOCRAT COLLEAGUES INSULT FEMALE STAFFERS

(Mrs. CHENOWETH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, in what has been called a desperate distraction of men uncomfortable with women in the workplace, two Democrat male Members of Congress verbally assaulted two female congressional aides yesterday in a committee hearing. What was the reason for these attacks—the women happen to be married to prominent public officials.

This sort of Neanderthal-like mentality that would cause a Member of Congress to stoop to such a low level as attacking hardworking staff members on such sexist grounds has absolutely no place in this institution. Not only is this an insult to the female staffers in Congress, it is an insult to working women all across America.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my Democrat colleagues, Mr. MORAN and Mr. KANJORSKI, to publicly apologize to the women they attacked.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3286

(Ms. FURSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to express my support for the adoption bill we are considering today, but I also want to express adamant opposition to the title III amendments to the Indian Child Welfare Act.

I have worked on native American issues since 1974. The Child Welfare Act was passed in 1978, after days of hearings. It was a much-needed law. Thirty-five percent of Indian children were adopted out of their tribes at that time. The changes proposed today will change the Indian Child Welfare Act drastically, and the worst thing about it, Mr. Speaker, is there will be not 1 hour of hearings.

The other worse thing about it is, not one tribe has been consulted. That is like passing a law that affects your constituents without even talking to someone in your State.

The proposed Indian Child Welfare Act amendments are antifamily, and they are anti-Indian. I urge my colleagues, to vote "yes" on the Young-Miller motion to strike.

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REPUBLICAN FEMALE STAFFERS ATTACKED BY TWO DEMOCRAT MALE MEMBERS

(Ms. GREENE of Utah asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GREENE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise to protest in the most strong terms the reprehensible behavior of two Democrat male Members who verbally assaulted two Republican staff members yesterday at a meeting of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. These two female staffers were not attacked for the job they were doing, they were not even attacked for their ideology. They were attacked for who they are married to, one of them for 1 week.

Mr. Speaker, women in this country, most of us, work outside the home as well as inside the home. We work because we want to, we work because the economic policies of the last 40 years of the Democrat-controlled Congress have made it that we have to. Whatever the reason for us being in the workplace, we deserve the respect and the civility of all of our coworkers no matter what title they may hold.

We are here to stay. Our colleagues better get used to us. And those two male Democrat Members committed an offense against all women yesterday, they committed an offense against all right-thinking men, and they owe us all a public apology.

SAY "YES" TO A DECENT MINIMUM WAGE

(Mr. GUTIERREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, my Republican friends love to talk about hard work. Why, from welfare to immigration, they can fit words of praise for working Americans into just about any debate.

If this were a debate contest, they could win awards for all their fine rhetoric. But rhetoric will not pay the real bills of real people. Nice rhetoric might win someone a sound bite on the evening news, but it will not send any kids to college, or pay for a mortgage, or cover the doctor bills.

And unfortunately, my Republican friends are much better at rhetoric than rewarding hard work.

Well, I believe it is time to stop talking and start acting for the American people. It is simple. This House should say "yes" to a decent minimum wage for hard-working Americans. You see, they do not have time to make nice speeches about hard work, because they are too busy doing it. It is time for my colleagues to back up their empty words. Cut out the rhetoric. Instead, let us reward the hard work of the American people. Pass a livable minimum wage.

PRESIDENT CLINTON ADMITS TO MEDISCARE CAMPAIGN

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week President Clinton finally ad-

mitted what most of us have known for quite some time now: Congress is not cutting Medicare. In fact, our effort has been to save Medicare from bankruptcy. When reporters asked the President about those deliberately false television ads that portray Republicans as heartless souls who are allegedly slashing Medicare and Medicaid, he got visibly upset. He acknowledged that the ads are not accurate. He blamed his misstatements on the press. And he said he really liked to be truthful, but he just cannot do it in a 27-second ad. Very interesting, very revealing, and, quite frankly, very sad.

Mr. Speaker, it was reported last month that the Medicare trust fund has lost \$4.3 billion already this year. The President knows that something must be done, and now he has finally come clean. If he really is committed to start telling the truth about Medicare, he ought to work with us to save Medicare for this generation and for future generations.

REPUBLICANS ARE NOT TRYING TO SAVE MEDICARE

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, this notion that somehow the Republicans are trying to save Medicare is just a lot of baloney, but they are at it again. They are at it again, basically making these cuts in the Medicare Program just to pass on tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans, and they are going to destroy the Medicare Program in the process. What they are essentially doing is making cuts that are so severe that we will see hospitals closed and we will see the quality of health care services for seniors significantly decline. And they are also passing and changing the Medicare Program in a way that the senior citizens will not have a choice of doctors. They will be pushed into managed care systems. They will be forced to spend more money out of pocket that goes back to Medicare providers in order to have the same benefits that they have now.

So this idea that somehow they are solving the problem with Medicare or they are dealing with the potential insolvency is not true. The President has put forth a proposal in his budget that would guarantee the continued solvency of the Medicare Program, but the Republicans are going way beyond that. They are cutting \$44 billion more than what the President proposes. They are not trying to deal with Medicare in an effective way.

PORKER OF THE WEEK AWARD

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, for over a decade, the Social Security Administration funneled more than \$50,000 in benefits into the bank account of serial killer William Bonin.